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Stocks of Irish potatoes held in storage on March 1, 1973 for all uses by growers, local dealers and processors in fall production areas totaled 83.0 million hundredweight, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Supplies this year are 16 percent less than the 98.5 million cwt. on hand a year earlier and 14 percent less than 96.8 million cwt. on hand March 1, 1971.

Stocks in the eight Eastern States March 1, 1973 totaled 16.9 million cwt., down 35 percent from the 25.8 million on hand a year earlier. Maine storages held 14.7 million cwt. this year compared with 21.0 million cwt. last year, or 30 percent less. Stocks in Upstate and Long Island, New York and in Pennsylvania also were below year-earlier levels.

For the eight Central States, March 1, 1973 stocks totaled 14.3 million cwt., 29 percent less than the 20.2 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. North Dakota with stocks of 5.7 million cwt. on hand this year was down 29 percent from 8.0 million on hand last year. Minnesota stocks of 4.2 million cwt. compare with 6.7 million on March 1, 1972. Stocks were less than last year in other Central States except for a slight increase in Michigan.

In the eight Western States, supplies totaled 51.8 million cwt., 1 percent less than the 52.5 million on hand a year earlier. Idaho with 35.0 million cwt. was slightly above the year-earlier level of 34.5 million cwt. Other States with somewhat larger stocks this year than last were Montana, Wyoming and Oregon. Washington supplies totaling 7.1 million cwt. were 5 percent less than the 7.5 million of a year earlier. Stocks in Colorado and California were also less than last year.

Disappearance to March 1, 1973 from the 1972 fall potato crop was 151.1 million cwt. Disappearance for the comparable period from the 1971 production was 155.3 million cwt. and for the 1970 crop was 156.7 million cwt.

Processing usage of potatoes from the 1972 crop to March 1, 1973 in Maine, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Michigan, Minnesota and North Dakota totaled 61.3 million cwt. compared with 59.6 million cwt. for the corresponding period last year.

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Table 1. Fall potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1, and March 1 total stocks, crops of 1962-72 in the fall States

Crop year	Production	Total Stocks			
		December 1	Following year		
			January 1	February 1	March 1
			1,000 cwt.		
1962 1/	194,875	135,745	115,770	91,970	70,250
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	98,300	67,280
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535
1965	216,749	147,780	124,170	98,670	74,905
1966	228,442	153,550	128,050	103,630	79,632
1967	231,656	161,500	139,170	112,640	86,405
1968	221,906	152,810	130,350	104,995	81,940
1969	239,460	162,800	138,140	111,510	87,620
1970	253,525	175,145	150,030	122,230	96,780
1971 2/	253,796	176,340	151,400	124,370	98,480
1972	234,100	156,890	132,810	106,615	82,990

1/ Seasonal grouping effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.
2/ Revised August 1972 Pot 6 (72).

Table 2. Potatoes used for processing, 1/, seven States, 1971 and 1972 crops

State and area	From 1971 crop			From 1972 crop
	To March 1, 1972	To April 1, 1972	Entire season	To March 1, 1973
Maine	7,546	9,238	13,763	6,669
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore.	29,408	35,412	49,942	29,918
Washington and Other Oregon areas	16,269	18,965	22,898	18,450
Other States 2/	6,385	7,554	10,131	6,297
Seven State Total	59,608	71,169	96,734	61,334

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Does not include quantities used for potato chips in Maine and Michigan.
2/ Michigan, Minnesota and North Dakota.

Table 3. Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers and local dealers on March 1, 1972 and March 1, 1973 1/

State	Crop of 1971		Crop of 1972	
	Production	Total stocks March 1, 1972	Production	Total stocks March 1, 1973
	1,000 cwt.			
Maine	37,700	21,000	33,280	14,700
New York - L. I.	5,198	1,000	4,141	600
Upstate	7,935	1,800	4,973	550
Pennsylvania	7,810	1,500	4,800	800
Other States 2/	3,539	490	2,458	220
8 Eastern	62,182	25,790	49,652	16,870
Michigan	8,165	1,800	7,718	1,900
Wisconsin	9,540	2,700	7,625	1,900
Minnesota	14,850	6,700	11,400	4,200
North Dakota	19,995	8,000	17,400	5,700
Nebraska	1,050	400	968	310
Other States 3/	5,234	610	4,104	280
8 Central	58,834	20,210	49,215	14,290
Montana	1,404	1,100	1,650	1,180
Idaho	77,290	34,500	78,795	35,000
Wyoming	925	180	1,456	300
Colorado	7,560	3,050	7,905	2,750
Utah	848	200	1,011	200
Washington	22,910	7,500	22,620	7,100
Oregon	13,723	3,200	14,436	3,350
California	8,120	2,750	7,360	1,950
8 Western	132,780	52,480	135,233	51,830
Total 24 Fall States	253,796	98,480	234,100	82,990

1/ Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."
2/ Eastern-New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts.
3/ Central-Ohio, Indiana and South Dakota.

Table 4. Population: Revised estimates and projections, United States, for selected dates 1965 to 1974

Year	Total including Armed Forces overseas		Civilian resident	
	January 1	July 1	January 1	July 1
	Millions			
1965	193.2	194.3	190.5	191.6
1966	195.5	196.6	192.6	193.4
1967	197.7	198.7	194.4	195.3
1968	199.8	200.7	196.4	197.1
1969	201.8	202.7	198.3	199.1
1970	203.8	204.9	200.5	201.7
1971	206.1	207.0	203.1	204.3
1972	208.1	208.8	205.5	206.5
1973	209.7		207.3	
Projections				
1973		210.5		208.2
1974	211.3	212.2	209.0	209.9

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